


To the Chairman and members of the Aberayron  
Urban District Council,

Gentlemen, I beg to submit to your attention my  
annual Report for your District for The Year 1895.

The Aberayron Urban District being a newly constituted one -  
carved out of the Llanddewi and Henfynyw Districts of the Aberayron Union  
over which District I have for many years been Medical Officer of Health  
I shall have occasion to reiterate many suggestions made to the Sanitary  
Authority, which body was for the whole of the Aberayron Union.

For the sake of convenience and comparison, I have divided the Aberayron  
Urban District into two wards - taking as wards those portions of the Parishes  
of Llanddewi and Henfynyw, which together constitute the District  
and shall when required call them in this Report the Llanddewi and  
Henfynyw wards respectively. The number of Births registered within  
the District during the year was 36 viz: 20 males and 16 females, being  
at the rate of 28.50 per 1000 population. The number of Deaths for the  
same period being 37 - 3 of which were of persons not belonging to  
the place, and 4 deaths occurred amongst the inmates in the Workhouse  
- which is the only Public Institution within the District. There were 17  
deaths in the Llanddewi Ward, including the death of 2 persons not belonging  
to the District. Of the 17 deaths 2 were between one and five years of age,  
5 between fifteen and twenty five, 5 between twenty five and sixty five,  
and 5 over sixty five years of age. In the Henfynyw Ward there were  
16 deaths, including that of an infant under one year old not belonging to  
the District. Of the others 2 were under twelve months of age, 1 between one  
and five years of age, 1 between fifteen and twenty five, 5 between twenty five  
and sixty five, and 6 over sixty five years of age. Of the various  
diseases from which deaths are attributed to, in Llanddewi Ward 5 persons  
over five years of age died from Phthisis, 1 under five years of age died of  
Pneumonia, 2 above five years of age from diseases of the heart, 1 over five  
years of age from violent death, and 7 above and 1 below five years of age  
from other diseases and old age. In Henfynyw Ward 3 above five years of  
age died of Phthisis, 1 above and 1 below five years of age from Pneumonia,  
and 8 above and 3 below five years of age of other diseases and old age.

In Llanddewi Ward the death rate exclusive of persons not belonging  
to the District was 21.142 per 1000 population, and that of Henfynyw  
with the same restrictions was 26.642. For the Urban District the  
death rate exclusive of Strangers was 23.752 per 1000 population.



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of Infectious diseases there were notified 5 in the Henfengus Ward viz: 4 cases of Scarlatina, and 1 Enteric fever, and in the Standrews ward there were 6 viz: 2 of Scarlatina, 1 Visyphala, and 3 Enteric fever,

During the hot weather last summer the stench arising from the putrefying seaweed and other things near the quay was sickening and enough to deprive the place of every visitor - a flood came and the nuisance there was abated. For a long time past a portion of the harbour called Pwllcarn has been an intolerable annoyance to the whole neighbourhood - due to decaying seaweed &c. A portion of the river should be turned through it - to wash it out.

The District is badly in need of drinking water - about the best sample in the place is the river water which is largely used by the inhabitants. A properly appointed slaughterhouse is wanted. A great many houses at times of heavy rainfall have had their basements flooded.

There is no adequate provision made for storm water and some of the streets are flooded. Urinals should be put up at convenient places for the use of visitors and others - the Shanty put up near the Town Hall is a nuisance itself as it is and should be done away with, unless means are provided to keep it clean.

Many pigs are kept in the town, and there are very few instances where the pigsty is not a nuisance to its owner or a neighbour, and the keeping of pigs should be prohibited under those circumstances.

I am, Gentlemen

Your obedient servant  
Edw. Williams

Medical Officer of Health to the Aberayron  
Urban District.

Aberayron  
Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> 1896.

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